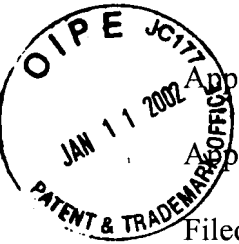


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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed in the instant application on November 27, 2001, Applicants hereby call the following information to the Examiner's attention:

In a Japanese Notification of the Reason(s) for Refusal (Office Action), dated October 30, 2001 for counterpart Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-200087, the following documents were cited:

(1) Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication HEI 11-288244, which was published on October 19, 1999, along with an English language Abstract of the same;

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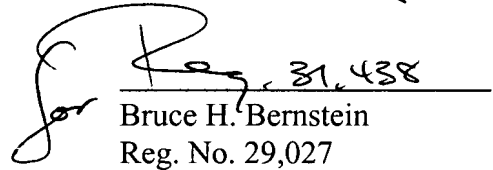
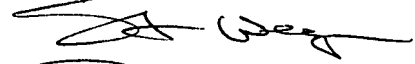
Applicant notes that documents 1, 3, 4, and 7 were previously submitted with an Information Disclosure Statement filed in the instant application, and thus, copies of the same are not attached hereto. Therefore, only copies of those documents not previously submitted (i.e., documents 2, 5, 6, and 8) are attached hereto.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents. The above-noted documents have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is attached hereto. The Examiner is respectfully requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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